

**CITY OF MISHAWAKA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
May 8, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission was held Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in Room 205 at City Hall, 600 E. Third St., Mishawaka, IN 46544

Chairman Doug Merritt called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Commission members present: Mike Bultinck, Terry DeMaegd, Dave Eisen, Doug Merritt, Nancy Seidler, and Faye Sullivan.

Advisory members present: Matthew Crawford, Alan Grzeskowiak, Tom Morris, and Jason Stoller.

Staff: Christa Hill.

Doug Merritt noted Kate Voelker is not in attendance. She was injured, limited movement. So keep her in your thoughts. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Doug Merritt clarified that the outstanding expense from Michiana Signs and Lighting for Sean Mahoney to install the plaque on the Eberhart-Major House, was considered a donation.

A motion for the approval of the April 2, 2019 minutes was made by Dave Eisen; seconded by Terry DeMaegd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Historic Districts/Plaques

Tom Morris met with Dr. Wheet. The doctor wants to move the National plaque to make room for our plaque. Tom also asked about the broken window.

Christa Hill asked Code Enforcement about the boarded up window. They have known about it since November. The doctor wants to fix it himself. The last note was that it should be complete by the end of April.

Doug Merritt mentioned the two houses to the west have been razed. Christa confirmed they were purchased by the City for some pipe to the Wastewater Plant.

B. Public Relations & Community Education

Christa asked if there was any news about Hannah Lindahl. Dave Eisen said any information he had would be obsolete by now because things keep changing. The funding has gone away.

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The Mishawaka Enterprise had a story about the construction of the Mishawaka Historic Museum.

The display case in City Hall has Liz Richardson artwork. Pete DeKever put it together. Had previously been at Bittersweet Library.

Doug asked if there could be a revolving display by Hannah Lindahl? Christa will inquire with the Mayor's office, who is in charge of the display cases.

Faye Sullivan thinks the Farmers Dairy would make a great museum. Mike Bultinck confirmed the HPC had toured it and there was a lot of old stuff; cars. Nothing from the dairy. Mike also mentioned the fire station on Main and Eighth.

C. Staff Notes

The 2020 Preserving Historic Places Conference is in South Bend. April 14-17, 2020. We should all be able to make something. Ask Todd if any locations will be in Mishawaka. Carnegie Library was mentioned for a small group gathering.

Phil Blasko and a representative from School City will be at our next meeting to discuss the Google Expedition App. Their main project is the Uniroyal site.

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OLD BUSINESS

Edgewater Drive Historic District Committee

Alan Grzeskowiak provided the neighborhood with a first draft. Update district wide and each tier before next meeting is May 20. Block Party June 1 at 2pm.

What we have is only 4 pages. Normain Heights is 80 pages. We need to add the history, since Mike Esposito has researched.

Street Topper Design

Christa Hill provided a revised proof with the bold font in the darker color. A motion by Faye Sullivan, seconded by Mike Bultinck to proceed with this style, installing the first 8-10 in Riviera Place and Normain Heights. Doug Merritt asked at least the Riviera Place one could be installed by June 2 to show the Edgewater Block Party.

Bethel College

Alan Grzeskowiak set up a meeting with Bethel Monday May 13.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Festival (August 10 – Merrifield Park)

Cups. Coloring contest. Doug Merritt has a program that can convert pictures into coloring pages. Will's Clock and Main Jr. High. Win a piece of a gym floor. Alan Grzeskowiak will look for prizes from community. Put something in the Communicator for July. When is the deadline? Do we need electricity? Christa Hill asked if the brochures needed to be updated. Doug provided a sample. Even though they are 2 years old, there is no new information, so we can continue to use.

Normain Heights Conservation Expiration Date 5/1/2020

How far in advance we want to start? The window for votes is November 2, 2019-March 2, 2020.

Christa Hill will reach out to Ruth Pavich, Mary Beth Torma, and the group to start awareness.

Historic Preservation Month Signs

All signs have been put up. 83 signs total. Faye Sullivan asked how many signs we have? Can she have a couple extra signs to take to the Beiger and St. Joe Church. We ordered 125. We lose some every year. Doug Merritt suggested updating letter for next year to say, "This will continue until you request otherwise." to cut down on the number of letters sent each year.

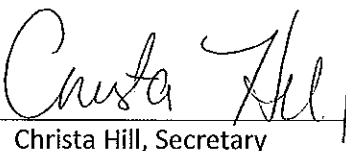
PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

- Terry DeMaegd update on Homewood property. The had a garage sale last week and another one this week. Plans to be a 3 year project. Someone is living in a trailer in the back of the house on Homewood. Christa Hill will turn into Code Enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.


Doug Merritt, Chairman


Christa Hill, Secretary